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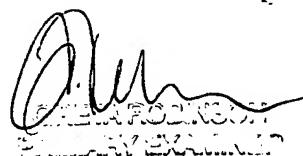
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The reply filed on December 14, 2006 for application serial no. 10/721,543 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the remarks section of the response Applicant states that independent claims 1 and 14-17 have been amended to overcome the prior art rejection under 35 USC 103(a) citing Kihl et al. in view of Lomet et al., however claim 17 has not been amended (i.e. the recited amended limitation does not appear in claim 17). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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